Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Andrew (Andy) Brakke and Lura Stephenson exchanged their wedding vows on October 6, 1934, in Lewiston, Idaho, promising to share their lives and love together for the rest of their days; and,

Whereas, The newly-wed couple of 70 years ago has been replaced by two devoted partners who have shared life's beauty and sorrow, and have grown to love one another more because of their common journey; and,

Whereas, Andy and Lura have farmed and ranched near Presho, South Dakota, since 1936, when they moved back to South Dakota, and Andy's father gave him a quarter of land; and,

Whereas, Andy and Lura have four children: Noble, Kay, David, and Kim, eleven grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson; and,

Whereas, Andy now resides at Regency Retirement in Chamberlain, South Dakota, and Lura resides at Sunset Valley Nursing Home in Chamberlain, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Through their lifelong dedication to the values of caring and sharing, Andy and Lura have helped make South Dakota a great place to live and work; and,

Whereas, It is altogether fitting and proper that the Governor of South Dakota recognizes and commemorates the memorable milestones in the lives of the state's outstanding citizens:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 6, 2004, as

ANDREW AND LURA BRAKKE DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with the honored couple's family and friends in wishing them continued health and happiness in a state that stands prouder today because of their contributions and commitment.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State